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## Rapid River News!



From L.R.B.O.I.

Mdaamini-Giizis (Corn Moon)  
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(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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6th Annual 'Nme Ceremony. The 6th Annual Sturgeon Release took place Saturday up at Rainbow Bend on the Manistee River. The well-attended ceremony included tours of a portable streamside rearing facility, sampling of various smoke fish and the official release of young sturgeon by our Elders. See the next Currents for photos and a story.



Fish Cleaning/Filleting Workshop. There will be a special workshop in late October on fish cleaning and filleting techniques. See all the info below.

### Warriors Society updates:



The next Warriors Society meeting will be the 3rd of October. Please watch the Currents and Rapid River News for more details.

The meeting will be held at the New Community Center.



Special meeting in November! On the 8th of November, the Warriors Society will have a special meeting to honor those members whose names are on the monument at the Casino Resort. In addition, they will be holding an election for the seat of Vice Chairperson.



Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

Casino Board Meeting! The next Casino Open Board meeting is scheduled for October 16th in the Grand River Room. The meeting starts at 4 p.m.

## 2010 Census is coming!

Tribal Member Carol Gibner is leading the charge in Western Michigan during the upcoming census. Watch for more details on the census for 2010 as it is very important to the tribe and Native nations across America for us all to participate.



- \* Contact Information for: Manistee Insurance Agency Steve Fredericks, agent 1-800-968-6215 or 231-723-2566
- \* Don't forget: We still need quotes for the 2010 Elders monthly meeting meals Call June Sam at 231-398-6709.
- \* Elders Conference scheduled for November 7th at the Little River Casino Resort. Contact June Sam at 398-6709 for reservations. No mileage will be paid but other expenses will be covered.

Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open as of September 20, 2009.

Commerce Commission	3 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission		3 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Enrollment Commission		4 openings as of 9/20
Health Commission		2 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks

## Grants updates for Little River:

- o The LRBOI has been awarded a 2009 Rural Housing and Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$238,349!!! This grant is for Improvements to Waste Water Treatment Plant to Accept Septage.
- o The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs has awarded the Peacemaking/Probation Department \$170,000 under the Tribal Youth Program. Specifically, the project goal is to provide direct intervention and prevention services and to improve the tribal juvenile justice system by implementing indigenous justice strategies, enforcing juvenile codes, enhancing probation services and aiding in re-entry to tribal communities. Indian Village Camp provides a 4-day rustic camp for at-risk youth who require direct court intervention. The camp will be an alternative to out-of-home placement by providing an intensive intervention program based on traditional values and self accountability. The program will revive or instill traditional cultural values from an Anishinaabe perspective that will impact criminal behavior by reducing recidivism, delinquency and negative world views.
- o The Grants Department is happy to announce that the DHHS Administration for Children and Families has awarded the LRBOI Family Services Department \$26,592 under the Family Violence Prevention & Services Grant.

### *(Kateri Circle)*

*"Our Creator makes available to us all that we need. It is an honor to go out and gather it. We must remember to say 'Thank You.' It is honorable to give away, to show our gratitude... and to let the children see this."*

*--Barney Bush, SHAWNEE*

*So many times we forget to say "thank You" to the Creator. He made for us an abundant universe. He built the Mother Earth to reproduce plenty of everything. It is an honor to be a part of the Great Spirit's world. The Creator always gives us what we need. When we are given things, we should be willing to share it with others. Whenever we give to others, this makes us feel good inside. The more we give, the better we feel. The better we feel, the more we want to give. We need to teach this to our children. The children learn by our behavior.*



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Family Services Department has planned several activities throughout the month. We invite and encourage you to join us to help to break the silence and break the cycle of domestic violence.

Purple has come to be the color which is symbolic of domestic violence. Perhaps originally because of the coloring of bruises.

Please wear and display purple during October. When friends or strangers ask, tell them why you are displaying purple. Let your community know that you demand an end to continued passive support of violence.

**October 1st**-Tribal Family Gathering-Muskegon office-5-7-pm. Join us for a family meal and an opportunity to win one of 2 door prizes. Muskegon Take Back the Night Walk. 7-9pm. A collaborative effort with Every Woman's Place DV shelter. Gathering at the LRBOI office we will begin with general information about domestic violence along with local statistics regarding prevalence followed by a presentation from DV survivors. Each participant will be provided with a purple glow stick for the walk. Upon returning to the office snacks will be provided.

**October 2nd**-Small purple ribbons will be distributed in Tribal Government employee paychecks

**October 14th**-Tribal Family Gathering Manistee Community Center-5-7pm. For those of you who can't make it to Muskegon on October 1st. Manistee Take Back the Night Walk 7:30-9:30-A collaborative effort with CHOICES. Gathering at Port City Grille.

**October 15th**-Paint the Tribe Purple-everyone is encouraged to wear as much purple as possible and decorate your space w/ purple. There will be a friendly competition between government departments. There will be a surprise judge coming to visit each department.

For more information contact Denise Anderson at 231-398-6736 or Melissa Sharlow at 231-398-6651.

## Come and Join us for Our Monthly Peacemaking talking circle

The topic of this month's  
Talking Circle is  
"Odeno"



"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying"



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS PEACEMAKING/PROBATION  
DEPARTMENT  
"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying"  
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Talking Circle meeting scheduled!  
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Wenesh pii (when).....September 28th at 5:30



This information is subject to change without prior notice. This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 8-31-09 If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule. Court Docket. The latest Tribal Court Docket is shown below. If you have questions concerning the Court activity, please contact them directly.

Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation  
DM - Divorce with children  
EB - Election Board Appeal  
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment  
GM - Guardianship of Minor  
JV - Juvenile  
NC - Name Change  
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support  
DO - Divorce w/o children  
EM - Emancipation of Minor  
GA - Gaming Appeal  
GR - Employment Matter  
LT - Landlord Tenant  
PF - Probate  
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket  
EA - Enrollment Appeal  
FJ - Foreign Judgment  
GC - General Civil  
JC - Judicial Complaint  
NA - Neglect Abuse  
PPO - Personal Protection Order  
WC - Workmen's Compensation

## **Thursday, September 24, 2009; Judge Sherigan**

- **10:00 a.m. 09085AM - Adoption Closed Hearing**

## **Monday, September 28, 2009; Judge Bailey**

- **9:30 a.m. 03076CM - Battice v. Woodard Show Cause**
- **10:00 a.m. 09135DM - Hilden v. Hilden Custody**
- **11:00 a.m. 09149CO - LRBOI v. M. Stone Show Cause**
- **1:30 p.m. 09120FJ - Standard v. Latimer Objection to FJ**
- **3:00 p.m. 08224TM - LRBOI v. R. Stone Probation Violation**

Education announces Homework Assistance in Muskegon. The Education Department has announced a special program for tutoring at the Muskegon tribal office. Please see the announcement below as well as the next Currents.

Be-Da-Bin Recovery Dinner set for September 30th. See the flyer at the end of the Rapid River News or contact Julie Wolfe at the Clinic, extension 6632.

## **United Way Campaign!**

Ogema Romanelli  
and Interim LRCR

Director Tom Davis met Friday with the chairperson of the United Way campaign Manistee Police Chief Dave Bachman. They met to discuss the running of the campaign at both the government and casino this year. More details as they become available.  
The campaign is especially important in this economic downturn.

West Shore Community College.....www.westshore.edu  
Muskegon Community College.....www.muskegoncc.edu  
Northwestern Michigan College.....www.nmc.edu  
Grand Rapids Community College.....www.grcc.cc.mi.us  
Homework Assistance in Muskegon

LRBOI has opened up the Muskegon Building to the LRBOI Education Dept., and Santana Aker will be there offering tutoring to all LRBOI students (k-12) and descendants of LRBOI citizens who are in need of academic help. Basic Skills, Time Management, Organization Management, Subject Area Learning Skills, ETC. will be things that he can assist in learning. Also, Santana is offering students computer basics and basic website lessons if they feel that is something they would like to learn.

## WHEN?

September 9th, 2009 – December 20th, 2009 (15 weeks)  
Monday – (1:30pm-5pm)  
Wednesday – (1:30pm-5pm)  
Sunday – (10am-2:45pm)

## WHERE?

LRBOI Muskegon Building  
1101 W. Hackley Ave.  
Muskegon, MI

## CONTACT

Email – SAKER@LRBOI.COM  
Cell – 231-730-3981 (text or call)  
Office – 231-398-6654 (During office times only-messages not available)

## WHO IS SANTANA?

Santana Aker, is a tribal citizen and Intern for the LRBOI Education Dept. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from California State University, Long Beach, and a teaching certificate endorsed in History, Geography, and Group Social Studies from Grand Valley State University. He will be completing his Masters of Education curriculum in the winter semester, as well as a teachable English minor from GVSU as well.

Tribal Officers 'clean up'. Officers from the Tribal Public Safety Department volunteered some of their time on Sunday to 'police' the trash along Domres Road, from M-22 to Suida Road. Our officers have providing this community service for at least 6 years.

"Our People, Our Journey" to City. Ogema Larry Romanelli, Tribal Historical Director Jonnie "Jay" Sam and Public Affairs Director Glenn Zaring made a special presentation of copies of our historical book to the members of the Manistee City Council during a regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The event was covered by PEG (Public) Television.

The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office. (Emergency Management items)  
Flu Shots at the Clinic. The Tribal Health Clinic has also received their seasonal flu shot vaccines and is encouraging tribal members to contact the clinic for an appointment to receive their flu shot.

The LRBOI Great Lakes Fisheries Assessment Program will be conducting two Fish Cleaning and Filet Workshops on October 30th. Proper fish cleaning/filet techniques will be demonstrated and a "hands on" learning opportunity will be made available. Please bring a cooler for your fish; all other needed materials, including ice, will be provided. You can bring your own filet knife if you choose but the department will have knives to use as well.

The morning and afternoon workshops will be limited to ten participants each. If more than 20 people show an interest, we will host additional workshops as long as necessary, (or until the fish move out to deeper waters)

When: Friday, October 30, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Where: LRBOI Natural Resource Department, 159 Brickyard Road, Manistee, MI 49660 (Big Blue Building)

RSVP: Please sign up for the Fish Cleaning/Filet Workshop by emailing bharnish@LRBOI.com or by calling Bonnie Harnish @ Toll free 866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180

## Job Search Resources

Michigan Works! – primary training and workforce development site, includes Michigan Talent bank and No Worker Left Behind retraining program.....[www.michiganworks.org](http://www.michiganworks.org) 1.800.285.WORK

### **Manistee County**

Michigan Works! Service Center, 1660 US 31 South, Manistee.....231.723.2535

### **Mason County**

Michigan Works! Service Center, 5722 West US 10, Ludington.....231.843.2563

### **Oceana County**

Michigan Works! Service Center, 195 North Michigan Ave, Shelby.....231.861.2073

### **Muskegon County**

Michigan Works! Family Services, 1516 Peck St, Muskegon.....231.726.2626

Michigan Works! Goodwill Industries, 950 West Norton Ave, Suite C, Muskegon.....231.739.9010

Michigan Works! Muskegon Heights, 160 East Barney St, Muskegon Heights.....231.830.3382

Michigan Works! Orchard View, 2389 East Laketon Ave, Muskegon.....231.760.1999

Michigan Works! White Lake, 541 East Slocum St, Whitehall.....231.893.1091

### **Kent County**

Michigan Works! Service Center, 1560 Leonard NE, Grand Rapids.....616.336.4460

Michigan Works! M-TECH Service Center, 622 Godfrey SW, Grand Rapids.....616.234.3398

Michigan Works! Service Center, 36 Applewood Dr, Sparta.....616.887.2960

### **Lake County**

Michigan Works! Service Center, 5252 South M-37, Baldwin.....231.745.2703

### **Newaygo County**

Michigan Works! Service Center, 4747 West 48th St, Suite 162, Fremont.....231.924.3230

### **Ottawa County**

Michigan Works! Service Center, 1830 172nd St, Suite G, Grand Haven.....616.296.0776

Michigan Works! Service Center, 121 Clover St, Holland.....616.396.2154

### **Wexford County**

Michigan Works! Service Center, 401 Lake St, Suite 700, Cadillac.....231.775.3408

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Job Postings.....[www.lrboi-nsn.gov/hr/index.html](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/hr/index.html)

Little River Casino Resort, Job Postings.....[www.littlerivercasino.com/employment.html](http://www.littlerivercasino.com/employment.html)

Michigan Jobs and Career Portal – search job listings, create your resume, find career events and job fairs.....  
[www.michigan.gov/careers](http://www.michigan.gov/careers)

Michigan Job Network – another source for job seekers.....[www.michiganjobnetwork.com](http://www.michiganjobnetwork.com)

Michigan Civil Service – state government jobs and employment information.....[www.michigan.gov/mdcs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdcs)

U.S. Federal Government – U.S. government job opportunities worldwide.....[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

### Jobless Benefits

#### Unemployment Insurance Assistance

File for unemployment.....[www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) or toll-free claims line: 1.866.500.0017

MARVIN certification: 1.866.638.3993

COBRA Continuation Coverage – help with premium payments for health insurance coverage under COBRA.....  
[www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA.html](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA.html)

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## Department of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

### Discontinued Chip/Token Notice

Little River Casino Resort of Manistee, Michigan, an Enterprise of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, has changed the design of its active gaming chips and tokens. Chips and tokens bearing the former design are discontinued and will be valid for play or redemption for a limited time only. Holders of discontinued chips and tokens are encouraged to exchange or redeem them by December 1, 2009.

**Beginning- Ending Date:** During the first week of September through December 2009 ads will be placed in various Newspapers within the state of Michigan, including the Tribe's Newspaper, "The Current". In addition, posters will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in all LRBOI Tribal Buildings. The Resort will be posting the same information on Resort's website, [www.lrcr.com](http://www.lrcr.com).

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.  
Or send them direct to [currentcomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentcomments@lrboi.com).  
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.